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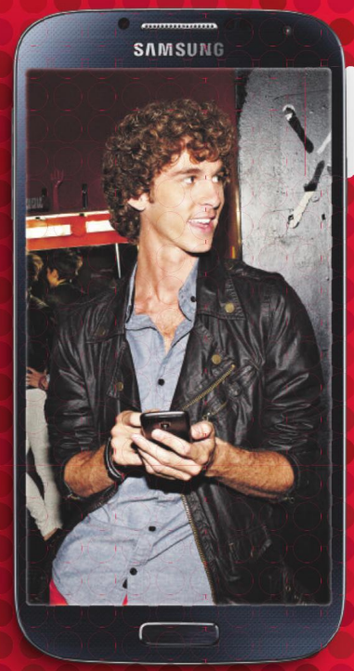

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Winner scores two tickets to paradise

Ka-ching. Surrey man claims Lotto 6/49 jackpot worth more than $30 million

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Harry Black knows persistence pays off — in his case, to the tune of $31.7 million.

After playing the lotto with the same numbers for 35 years and never winning more than $10 at a time, the 66-year-old Surrey man beat "gazillion-to-one" odds and bought two of four winning tickets for Canada's largest-ever jackpot, worth $63.2-million, in April.

And as he accepted not one but two novelty cheques worth more than $15 million each at a BCLC news conference on Tuesday, the first word to escape the construction- and film-industry worker's mouth was simply, "Wow."

"It's still sinking in," Black told a throng of media, adding he waited a month to claim the prize due to the stress of figuring out what to do with the money.

His first step will be to take the first holiday of his life, maybe to Mexico or Europe.

"I'm just going to go to an airport and grab a ticket," he said.

Black, who has no family, has plans for the money — he hinted he's not going to keep all of it — but is keeping them private.

He will retire from work, spend more time on his drag-racing hobby and move from Surrey to build his dream house, "maybe under a palm tree somewhere."

Black bought the tickets at the Chevron station on Scott Road in Surrey on April 12, the day before the draw.

Vancouver resident Chad Seguin, 41, bought one of the other winning tickets, and the fourth was purchased in Alberta.

While Black's $31.7-million prize from two tickets is "absolutely amazing" and unprecedented in lotto history, according to BCLC's lottery gaming vice-president Kevin Gass, it isn't the largest single win in Canada. A group of oil and gas workers in Alberta won $54 million from one ticket in 2005.

Harry Black bought not one but two winning tickets to the record-breaking Lotto 6/49 jackpot in April. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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Clark mum on next move.

Premier officially loses seat to NDP's Eby

It's official: Political newbie David Eby ousted Premier non-elect Christy Clark from her seat in the legislature.

The NDP's Eby beat the Liberal premier by 1,063 votes, according to Elections BC's final voting count for the Vancouver-Point Grey riding completed Tuesday morning. Eby received 11,499 votes; Clark got 10,436.

Eby, the former head of the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, took to Twitter to proclaim his victory in the David and Goliath contest.

"An honour to be declared elected this morning by Elections BC. More than 1000 vote margin. Thank you to Vancouver Point Grey and our team!"

Clark, however, has yet to comment on her next move.

"The premier is currently tied up with transition work ahead of cabinet appointments and legislative session planning around Balanced Budget 2013. We will have news on the byelection in the coming days," spokesman Mike Morton said in an email.

Clark will need to ask one of her 50 elected MLAs to step down so she can run in a byelection for a seat in the legislature, but she has yet to announce who will bow out or when.

Though Clark lost her seat, her campaign strategy proved as successful for the Liberals as Eby's did in their wealthy riding.

She spent the majority of the campaign travelling the province to convince voters to stick with the ruling party, which they ultimately did, while Eby successfully pounded the pavement in the Liberal stronghold to persuade voters to choose the NDP.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

B.C. Civil Liberties Association executive director Josh Paterson speaks to the media about the show Border Security on Tuesday. Paterson says the show is in violation of the federal Privacy Act, but production company Force Four Entertainment disputes the claim. KATE WEBB/METRO

Accidental reality TV star? BCCLA wants you

A privacy matter.

Civil-liberties association seeks complainant filmed by Border Security show without consent

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The B.C. Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) wants to hear from anyone who believes they have been filmed by reality-TV show Border Security without their consent and wants to file a privacy complaint.

The BCCLA has already filed a complaint with the federal Privacy Commissioner about the filming of a raid on a Vancouver construction site in March that resulted in the deportation of undocumented workers, which has not yet been resolved.

Following public outcry, the production company, Force Four Entertainment, agreed not to use any of the footage from that raid on the show.

"Canada Border Services Agency and its partners have been filming travellers crossing the U.S. border by land and air," said BCCLA executive director Josh Paterson on Tuesday, "whether Canadian citizens, visitors or potential refugee claimants, and they've been filming those people for public entertainment in the Border Security TV series.

"People have the right to cross the border without guest-starring in a reality TV show."

Paterson, a human-rights lawyer, said under the federal Privacy Act government agencies such as the CBSA are only entitled to collect information, including images, when it is related to their lawfully mandated job.

Disclaimer signs at the airport and at border crossings instruct travellers to alert film-crew members if they don't wish to be filmed, but Paterson said that breaches their right on federal property to refuse consent without addressing a third party.

The civil-liberties group also launched an online form Tuesday giving travellers the option to refuse or revoke permission for their image to be used on the show. Paterson said 150 people signed it in the first hour alone.

The CBSA did not respond to requests for comment by Metro's deadline, but Force Four Entertainment president Rob Bromley released a statement denying anyone's rights are being violated because everyone in the background is blurred and unidentifiable.

But Paterson alleged the collection of information — the simple act of filming for a TV show without consent — is a violation of the Privacy Act, regardless of how the footage is broadcast.

"Blurring images later doesn't fix the problem in our view," he wrote in an email to Metro.

"Also from a practical perspective blurring doesn't necessarily ensure your anonymity, particularly if those who know you view the show."

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June is gun-amnesty month province-wide

Preventing crime. Officers will pick up firearms if citizens call them up

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B.C. police have declared June gun-amnesty month, to give people a way to safely dispose of weapons, imitation weapons, related equipment and ammunition they are not legally entitled to own or no longer want.

Citizens can contact their local police departments all month long and officers will visit their residences to pick up firearms. The public is asked not bring any guns or ammunition to the police themselves.

"The simple fact is that every gun turned in to police in June will be one less gun that could fall into the hands of criminals," said Insp. Brad Haugli, president of the B.C. Association of Chiefs of Police, in a statement earlier this year.

"Every police officer knows that preventing crime and violence is the best way to build safer communities."

The amnesty will not apply to weapons or firearms used for criminal purposes.

Similar program in 2006

3,213

In 2006, officers collected more than 3,213 guns, 96,500 rounds of ammunition, a rocket launcher and a machine gun.

A VPD officer watches over a pair of guns seized during a one-month gun-amnesty program in July 2006. JEFF HODSON/METRO FILE

Off-duty

RCMP officer charged with drunk driving

An RCMP officer has been charged with driving drunk following a months-long police investigation.

Sgt. Victor Joseph Cunha, 47, was off-duty when he allegedly lost control of his vehicle, struck a median and landed in a ditch off the Trans Canada Highway in West Vancouver on Nov. 30, 2012, police say.

ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO

Main and Kingsway

Five hospitalized after collision with ambulance

Police are investigating a head-on collision between an ambulance and a Honda Civic that left five people injured Tuesday morning.

The ambulance was rushing to an emergency call when it collided with the silver hatchback at around 7:45 a.m. near Main Street and Kingsway.

ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO

Surrey. Rail-yard search finds no sign of baby linked to Toronto murder

Homicide teams in Surrey have come up empty after searching a CN container for the remains of a newborn baby linked to a murder investigation in Toronto.

RCMP Sgt. Jennifer Pound said the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team conducted a gruelling search of a container located on a train in the CN Rail Yard in Surrey but failed to find anything.

"The container, which consisted of clothing and donation articles, was meticulously scoured through for four hours by all 23 investigators including CN Rail police," Pound said.

Officers in Toronto requested the help after receiving information that the contents of a clothing donation box had been shipped by train to British Columbia, but Pound confirmed early Tuesday that nothing had been found in the suspect container.

She directed further inquiries to Toronto investigators.

Angelica Spanidis was arrested in Toronto last Friday and appeared in court Monday charged with first-degree murder.

Police were called on May 23 when the 25-year-old told staff at an Ontario hospital that she had given birth, but did not know where the baby's whereabouts.

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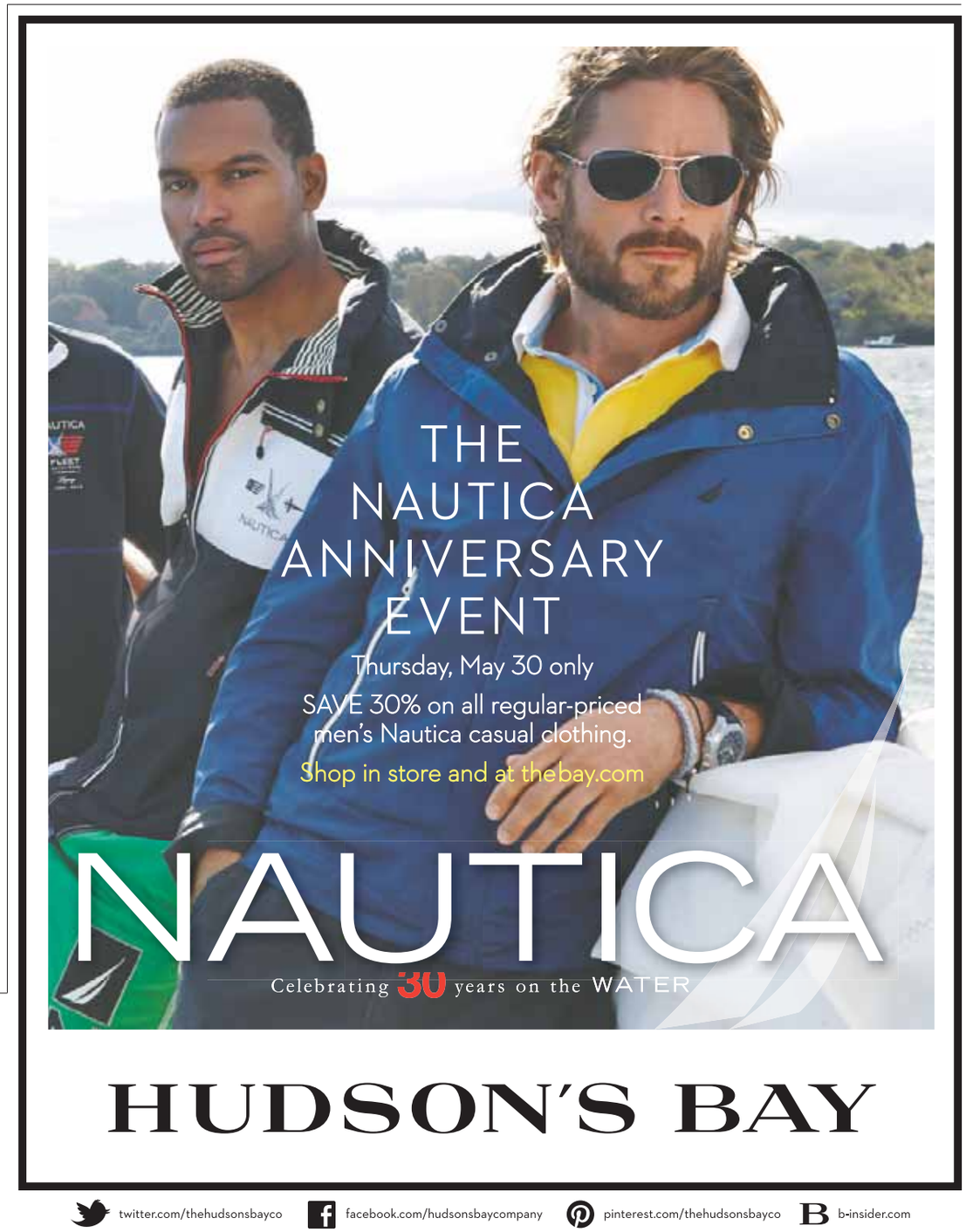

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Long lines, wait lists.
Demand for French immersion booming

While the percentage of bilingual British Columbians may be declining, the demand for French education is booming.

Just 6.8 per cent of British Columbians are fluent in both English and French, down from 7 per cent a decade earlier, according to recent data released by Statistics Canada. B.C.'s numbers mirror the national trend, which saw the percentage of official language bilinguals drop to 9.7 per cent in 2011 from 10.3 per cent in 2001.

But, Glyn Lewis, executive director of Canadian Parents for French, says that stat doesn't reflect the reality of a province where parents are known to camp out for a spot in line to register their kids in French immersion.

While overall enrollment in public schools has been declining steadily, the number of French immersion students has soared to more than 48,000, or 8.5 per cent, said Lewis.

The programs are so popular in some districts, and space so limited, many French-immersion hopefuls end up on wait lists.

"What you're doing is you're leaving all these parents out in the cold," said Lewis about the lack of funding for French immersion in the province.

In Chilliwack, parents threatened to pull their kids out of the district when Board of Education trustees voted down a proposed early French immersion program, citing a lack of finances. The protest prompted the board to reconsider, and trustees will re-vote on the motion next month. **ELIZABETH HAMES/METRO**

Economic advantage

3.7%

Canadians who are fluent in both French and English, regardless of mother tongue, enjoy an unemployment rate 3.7 per cent lower than the national average.

Babies behind bars.
Mother-baby prison program was safe: Warden

A program to allow babies to stay with their imprisoned mothers in a B.C. jail caused very few safety problems before it was cancelled, says the former warden who oversaw the project.

But a lawyer for the province suggested the program wasn't a success, noting the first participant ended up back in jail again, this time without her child.

Brenda Tole, who left her post as warden of Maple Ridge's Alouette Correctional Centre for Women in the summer of 2007, helped develop the centre's mother-baby program when the facility opened in 2004.

Its cancellation in 2008 is now the subject of a constitutional challenge in B.C. Supreme Court, with two former female inmates arguing that not allowing their babies to stay with them while they were in jail was a violation of their rights as mothers under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Capsized in lake

Search for missing canoeist suspended

Police have suspended their search for a Trail man, who went missing when his canoe capsized in a high-altitude lake.

Michael Lorne Guthrie, 32, and a friend were fishing on Little Wilson Lake in the West Kootenays on Saturday when their canoe tipped. The other canoeist made it back to shore. **METRO**

Investigation underway

Body found in burning van ID'd

The B.C. Coroners Service has revealed the identity of a man whose body was found in a burning van last week.

Morgan McDonald, 27, of Vancouver was reportedly sleeping in a van parked at a home at 12th Ave. and Victoria Dr. when it caught fire May 25. Fire crews discovered McDonald's body only after extinguishing the blaze around 6 a.m. **METRO**

Judy Graves, Vancouver's official city advocate for the homeless, stands in the Downtown Eastside where she has helped many people find homes. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Vancouver homeless advocate bids adieu

39-year career. On 64th birthday Judy Graves retires, after helping put a face on homelessness across the city

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Judy Graves knows better than most that no one winds up on the streets without a series of tragedies.

She's walked Vancouver's streets after midnight for decades wearing her blue raincoat, waking and talking to thousands of people sleeping outside to hear their stories and try to help them find housing.

As she retires after 39 years with the city on Wednesday, her 64th birthday, Graves leaves behind streets with far fewer people seeking shelter in doorways and a belief that number could — and should — be zero.

"The barrier to housing people is that we don't have housing for them, we don't have housing they can afford," she said on Tuesday, adding the federal government needs to step up to help build more housing and settle Aboriginal land claims. "It's probably the easiest problem to solve."

Graves, the only city employee to hold the position of advocate for the homeless, got involved with housing issues after being horrified at seeing people sleeping outside as a young hippie travelling in the U.S. She's responsible for designing Vancouver's homeless count and housing outreach program.

The stories from her after-hours walks, where she's known to bring candy, cigarettes and a stack of business cards, helped shape governments' and organizations' views by putting a face on homelessness, Streetohome CEO Rob Turnbull said.

Graves' ability to connect with people — walking with her "is like going downtown with the pope or the queen," Turnbull said — has had a "tremendous impact" on how different organizations work together to build housing with appropriate supports, he said.

The city doesn't plan to fill Graves' position, though she thinks it should. While she plans to sleep in on Thursday and travel to France in the fall, don't be surprised if you see her on a midnight walk post-retirement.

She simply wants people to sleep inside, safely.

"We all want a beautiful city, and in order to have a beautiful city it has to be good for everyone," she said. "We don't all have to be well to do, but we all have to be able to survive."

'Honour killing' victim was abused, friend testifies

Weeks before she was found dead in India, the victim of what Indian authorities say was an honour killing ordered by her family in British Columbia, a coworker noticed bruises on Jassi Sidhu's shoulder.

Tamara Lamirande, who worked with the 25-year-old woman at a Coquitlam beauty salon, testified Tuesday at the extradition hearing of Sidhu's mother and uncle that Jaswinder, or Jassi, Sidhu had married a poor rickshaw driver in India against the wishes of her wealthy family.

"I said: Why do you have bruises, and she said: My aunts hit me,'" Lamirande said in B.C. Supreme Court.

"That was when it became: 'Okay, Jassi, what is happening that your aunts hit you?' And she said she was being threatened and being hit and that was when I became more aware of how serious this was becoming."

Sidhu had kept her marriage from her family, but brought photos and love letters to work to show her friends, Lamirande told the court.

She said Sidhu seemed happy to have someone to open up to, but her demeanour changed when her family found out about her clandestine union.

"She became nervous and worried ... scared," Lamirande said.

Sidhu's mother, Malkit Kaur Sidhu, and her uncle, Surjit Singh Badesha, face extradition to India to face charges of conspiracy to commit murder. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Senate sending Duffy's claims to RCMP for review

Expense scandal. From 2011-12, Sen. Mike Duffy asked for Ottawa-based living expenses for 49 days when he wasn't there

Senate officials confirmed they have found a troubling pattern of Sen. Mike Duffy improperly claiming living expenses, including several days in 2011 when he was campaigning across the country for the Conservatives.

Senators meeting at a committee late Tuesday voted to send the matter of Duffy's expenses to the RCMP, after hearing the new information.

Senate finance officials detailed how Duffy made claims for living expenses for his Ottawa home, while he was elsewhere in the country.

Duffy did not attend the committee meeting.

The Canadian Press first reported two weeks ago that Duffy had said he was on Senate business while campaigning with Conservative candidates. Shortly afterward, Duffy resigned from the Tory caucus.

But it wasn't until the latest report was tabled Tuesday night that an account was given on the days Duffy was claiming expenses.

During the 2011 election, Duffy asked for Ottawa-based living expenses on seven separate days when he was out of town. In total, in 2011 and 2012, Duffy made claims on 49 days he was not in Ottawa.

"It represents a pattern that raises concerns," the report says.

An independent audit by the firm Deloitte had raised the possibility that Duffy had been claiming expenses while not in Ottawa, but underlined that the senator had not provided them with adequate documentation and never met with auditors.

But the Conservatives in the Senate declared the matter closed shortly after receiving the audit, pointing to the fact that Duffy had repaid the $90,000 in living expenses.

The matter blew open again, however, when it was revealed that the $90,000 bill was actually paid with the help of the prime minister's then chief of staff Nigel Wright.

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No end in sight

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police involvement

New twists in Toronto mayor crack scandal

The controversy around an alleged video appearing to show the mayor of Toronto smoking crack cocaine showed no signs of diminishing Tuesday as the leader of Canada's largest city sidestepped questions about a new twist in the scandal.

The Toronto Star reported a police investigation was triggered after two of the mayor's closest staffers discussed how to handle a tip about the possible location of the alleged video. Their discussion reportedly came one day after reports of the video first surfaced on May 16. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Worst. Birthday. Ever?

A handful of residents in party hats and streamers tried to crash a meeting of the mayor's executive committee to deliver a birthday cake — one frosted with an unusual message.

- Written in red and blue frosting were the words "Happy Birthday Rob, Please Resign."

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It's a must-see

"I think if we could just get the video then we could analyze the video, and see if it's doctored or if it's real."

Among those eager to see the video is Toronto's deputy mayor Doug Holyday, who believes a clip of some sort exists.

Showing them the money

$200K

Gawker reached a $200,000 fundraising goal to buy and post the clip on Monday but was having difficulty locating whoever claimed to have the video.

Jailed Canadian quietly released, nearly 6 years on

Saudi Arabia. Kohail was freed in December but family has kept quiet to allow the case to play itself out

Mohamed Kohail, shown in this undated photo, has been released from a Saudi prison after nearly six years. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

A Canadian who was once condemned to death by beheading has been quietly released from a Saudi prison, after almost six years behind bars.

Documents obtained by The Canadian Press indicate that Mohamed Kohail was freed last December.

The documents from the Department of Foreign Affairs, obtained through the Access to Information Act, are redacted and do not indicate the circumstances under which Kohail was freed.

His story drew international attention in 2007. The ex-Montrealer was sentenced to death for his alleged role in a fatal schoolyard melee.

He and a Jordanian friend were both ordered beheaded, by sword, for their alleged involvement in the killing of a 19-year-old in a brawl that began with an insult to a girl by Kohail's brother, Sultan.

The brothers have repeatedly said they were acting in self-defence and were not involved in inflicting the fatal wounds during the fight, which had involved dozens of teenagers.

The country's highest court overturned the death penalty for Mohamed Kohail in 2010. Both brothers remain in Saudi Arabia, awaiting news about any developments in their legal status.

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Puerto Rico investigating animal abuse case

Authorities are investigating what they say is one of the worst cases of animal abuse they've seen in Puerto Rico: a puppy found alive with all four legs largely cut off, leaving exposed bone.

Members of a group that feeds and tries to find homes for abandoned pets said Tuesday that they found the mutilated puppy in a parking lot near a resort in the coastal town of Hatillo.

A veterinarian said the black mongrel puppy's bones were rotting and the infection was too severe to be treated. It was euthanized Sunday.

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Fraud. Former CSIS watchdog head arrested

Arthur Porter THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The former head of Canada's spy-agency watchdog, who received prestigious government appointments and was nearly honoured with a street in his name, has been arrested abroad on fraud charges.

Arthur Porter has been detained by Panamanian authorities, along with his wife Pamela, several months after Quebec police announced they wanted to charge him in connection with the province's ongoing corruption scandals.

The pair's arrest was announced in a statement Monday by Quebec's anti-corruption police watchdog, which said the operation was carried out with the help of the RCMP and Interpol. "Extradition proceedings are being undertaken," the statement said.

Porter became head of the Security Intelligence Review Committee two years after he was appointed to the watchdog by the Harper government in 2008.

At the same time that Porter held his federal role, he was director general of the McGill University Health Centre — which is now mired deep in scandals and the subject of multiple criminal charges.

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KARL-JOHAN PERSSON

The CEO of fashion retailer H&M speaks to Metro about pricey brands and Bangladeshi factory workers

THE BUSINESS OF CHEAP CHIC

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News in Stockholm

Life is going swimmingly for Karl-Johan Persson, H&M's young, handsome CEO — despite the global recession, the cheap-chic chain is doing well. But the recent collapse of a garment factory building in Bangladesh has put H&M in the spotlight, even though the retailer didn't use the factories. Persson talks with Metro in an exclusive interview at H&M's headquarters in Stockholm.

Has the recession harmed H&M or has it instead benefitted you because people have turned to cheaper clothes?
When the whole apparel market diminishes it affects H&M as well, but at the same time I think more people discover H&M in times like these because they start questioning their clothing purchases. People want a good look with a good quality for a low price, and that's what H&M offers.

Last month a clothing factory collapsed and killed over 1,000 workers. Now H&M, the biggest manufacturer of clothes in Bangladesh, has signed an agreement where you agree to help your Bangladeshi suppliers pay for safety measures. Are the factories safe now?
The factory collapse was horrific, but our code of conduct bans use of factories in residential areas, so this was not an H&M supplier. But we've been working to improve conditions in Bangladesh for a long time. The major change with the agreement is that we join up with other buyers, with trade unions and with the government.

But isn't the problem that people want cheap clothes? Then it never makes sense for a company to use better factories.
Yes, but it's a common misperception that cheap brands use certain manufacturers and expensive brands use others. We're one of 30 to 40 companies buying from many of our suppliers. The workers' pay is the same regardless of which company is buying. What's interesting is not the price of the clothing item but what the company does. Don't look at the prices. Maybe I sound cocky, but I dare promise that no apparel company in the whole world does as much as H&M.

What does that look like for factory workers?
We've signed the new plan for building and fire safety in Bangladesh. And we demand that workers are paid the wages they should have. We're also involved in a social dialogue and educate workers about their rights. And we try to influence decision-makers. Recently I spoke with the Bangladeshi prime minister (Sheikh Hasina) about increasing the minimum wage.

Quoted

"If you spot our top for $15 and one elsewhere for $150, people will think, 'These workers are much better paid.' But their pay is the same."
Karl-Johan Persson, CEO of retailer H&M

Domestic flights only

Air Canada told to increase payouts for bumping

Air Canada has been ordered to boost the compensation paid to passengers it bumps from overbooked domestic flights.

The Canadian Transportation Agency ruled the existing practice of paying $100 cash or a $200 travel voucher is unreasonable in cases that aren't due to operational and safety reasons. It has given the airline 30 days to submit new compensation guidelines.

The agency sided with Gabor Lukacs, a former University of Manitoba math professor, who has challenged several airline industry practices. "I'm extremely pleased by this decision and it is a very important step forward for Canadians in terms of rights of passengers," he said from Halifax, where he lives.

Lukacs suggested to the agency that passengers be compensated between $200 and $800 depending on the length of delay.
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JUST SAYIN'

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If reading about Rob Ford has got you down, welcome to the Island of Sunny Sentiments, where the only thing we're thinking about today is where to go on our summer vacation.

In this, we're not alone. Across Canada, 5.2 million school kids are gazing out the window wondering the same thing.

Good idea, you're thinking. Anything beats another chapter of Ford Follies. Just one problem: too many choices. Once again, you've come to the right place. I'm an expert on Canadian getaways, having got to all of them except Newfoundland, which is always a bit out of reach.

To get you started, here are my top five Canadian summer vacation choices (in no particular order). Feel free to chime in anytime with your own. And don't forget to bring the beer.

Moraine Lake: Just 12.5 kilometres up (or is that down?) the road from its more famous sister Lake Louise in the Alberta Rockies, Moraine is a jaw-dropping postcard-perfect lake surrounded by 10 majestic, snow-capped peaks. It is so jaw-dropping, it was once featured on the back of the $20 bill, back when cash was cash and not plastic scented with a whiff of maple syrup.

Louisbourg: Parks Canada lists 167 National Historic Sites on its website. I haven't been to all 167, but the coolest I have been to is Louisbourg, the French fort on Cape Breton Island. The road to the fort is often shrouded in fog, so it's like travelling into the Twilight Zone to emerge 300 years in the past. In fact, this is Louisbourg's 300th birthday. Everything including the dinner menu is an authentic replica of the days before bilingualism when New France was more than a plank in Pauline Marois' platform. Actors recreate daily life in the fort and you're so swept away you forget to check your smartphone.

The Beach: Every province has one or more than one legendary strip of sand: Wasaga, Cavendish, Grand, Rathtrevor, Balmy, Winnipeg, Regina, and the mother of all beaches: Long Beach in Tofino and Ucluelet. Really long: 25 kilometres from one end of Radar to the other end of Wickaninnish. It's hard to single out a favourite, but I'm determined to spend the rest of my days trying.

Niagara-on-the-Lake: The classic tourist trap, but so what? It's a miracle this bucolic place still exists, so close to ... you know. Everyone here conspires to lighten your wallet, but unlike the Canada Revenue Agency and the cable company, they make you happy to oblige. Goes with other places that feature fudge: Niagara Falls, Granville Island, Banff, Lunenburg, etc.

The cottage: I grew up in one. My job was to haul water from a nearby artesian well and gather kindling for the fireplace. Now "the cottage" often sports a three-car garage and an indoor pool. But it's essentially the same idea. Go someplace simple and stay there until you feel better. And don't forget to bring the bacon.

ZOOM

Rolling on the floor owling

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Friendship found in a dirty mop

This owl bears an uncanny resemblance to his new playmate, a mop, and thinks it is his sibling.

Lightning, a Siberian Eagle owl, got engrossed in the tool after spotting staff at the Screech Owl Sanctuary in Cornwall, southwest England, using it. The three-month-old chick was born in captivity as part of a breeding program. Lightning's attraction may be comical, but it's important for the bird's development, according to his owner.

"Young owls, like children, need this sort of playful enrichment when they are growing up and exploring the world," says Screech Owl Sanctuary head Carolyn Screech. "Everything is a big adventure, even this damp bundle of cleaning fabric."

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Sanctuary staff floored

"The owl digs his talons into the mop, jumps on it and rides it while we clean the floors."

Carolyn Screech,
head of the Screech Owl Sanctuary

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A few days ago I mentioned Sid Meier's Ace Patrol in this space and I've since gotten a number of emails from people who have fallen hard for the dogfighting sim. So for those readers and others who enjoy the game, here are some other excellent turn-based strategy games for mobile.

Great Big War Game

If there's a must-have here, this is it. The gameplay is smooth, tactically tight and served up with a nice side of humour. The single-player campaign should give you about 40-hours worth of conquering, but the truest joy can be found in the online multi-player. ($2.99/iOS and Android)

Crimson: Steam Pirates

Halo developer Bungie has a pretty solid track record, and their swashbuckling steampunk plunder-fest only adds to it. Start with a small band of salty sea dogs and upgrade your way to a fleet of zeppelins and submarines. (Free/iPad)

Neuroshima Hex

A seamless version of a board game everybody should love, take a few spins learning the ropes of how to manage your hex-based armies and link their attacks before trying your hand at the inexhaustible supply of skilled players online. ($4.99 iOS/$3.18 Android)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Canada was named one of the best places to live. Why do you think it deserves a top spot?

@AjokeDare: minus the cold weather, Canada is a safe place filled with nice ppl from all over the world.

@TimWadephul: friendly, caring, passionate people are what makes Canada great

@antinephalist: Because most of it isn't run by Rob Ford yet.

@SamanthaHalyk: Canada because we have great health care, a diverse landscape from coast to coast and poutine #yum haha

@_EricaAshley_: Its gotta be the people, definitely can't be the weather. Gets to -40 and people still come back. #Winnipeg #Canada

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SCENE 2

The Robin Hood mentality is often a thief sleight of hand

Now You See Me. The latest altruistic bank heist film is breaking into theatres this weekend, but it's not the first movie to have been there

IN FOCUS
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Now You See Me starts giving back to audiences this weekend. HANDOUT

In just 12 minutes The Great Train Robbery tells the tale of a group of bandits who hold up a train and rob the passengers.

Made by Edwin Porter in 1903 it's been placed on the United States National Film Registry for its innovative use of composite editing, camera movement and on-location shooting.

It was one of the first narrative movies and it introduced moviegoers to the heist movie, a tradition that continues to this day.

This weekend Now You See Me presents an elaborate crime story of a team of magicians — led by Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson and Isla Fisher — who abracadabra their way into bank vaults.

They are Robin Hood-style crooks, stealing money and giving it back to their audiences.

The "steal from the rich to give to the poor" is a common theme in heist movies. Recently Tower Heist saw a rag tag group clean out a Bernie Madoff type in order to refund money to the people he swindled.

The Maiden Heist stars Christopher Walken as a museum security guard infatuated with the painting that gives the movie its name.

When it is announced that the artwork has been sold to a Danish gallery he's distraught — "Do you know how far away Copenhagen is?"— and ropes Morgan Freeman and William H. Macy into stealing the painting and two others so they can enjoy them together. Not exactly Robin Hood — they're stealing from the rich to give to themselves — but their motives are artistically pure.

Not so pure are the reasons behind the heist in The Good, the Bad, the Weird — an Asian take on the similarly named Sergio Leone spaghetti western.

It's a chaotic two-hour chase for a treasure map — and then the treasure — in 1930s wartime Manchuria between a bounty hunter (the Good, played by Jung Woo-sung), a leader of evil bandits (the Bad, Lee Byung-hun) and a train robber (the Weird, Song Kang-ho).

Director Ji-woon Kim calls this a "kimchee western," after the national dish of Korea because the plot and film, like the people of Korea, he says, are spicy and vibrant.

The Good, the Bad, the Weird has a few laughs but A Fish Called Wanda's story of armed robbery is a full-on comedy crime caper.

It has a 96 per cent rating on Rotten Tomatoes and was named one of the greatest British films of all time by Total Film.

Heist ethics

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Kanye West

Kanye loses battle of the Alamo

Kanye West's bid to project his video for New Slaves on the Alamo in Texas turned out to be a losing battle when it became clear he had no permit for the spontaneous event, according to MySanAntonio.com. West announced his intentions to use the landmark on his website, prompting around 500 people — both fans and protesters — to turn up. But police got there first. A similar event in Houston was also shut down. "It's sad that people have such little respect for the Alamo," said a spokesman for the Texas General Land Office.

Bieber's reckless driving disturbing neighbourhood

Justin Bieber is getting on his neighbours' nerves once again, and this time it's because he won't slow down near his home.

The Canadian pop star was visited by the L.A. County Sheriff's Department in response to complaints about his reckless driving on the streets around his home, according to E! News. Police reportedly received numerous calls about the singer's driving on Monday alone, with many complaining that his speeding endangers the lives of neighborhood children playing outside.

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Did Katy Perry nudge Pattinson away from Stewart?

It looks like Katy Perry might have been behind Robert Pattinson's decision to call it quits with Kristen Stewart, according to Life & Style.

Perry, a pal of Pattinson's, reportedly told the Twilight star that he deserved better than Stewart after her affair with director Rupert Sanders came to light last summer.

"Katy never really supported Rob's decision to get back with Kristen. She always said they wouldn't last," a source says. "Katy told Rob she didn't think their relationship could withstand the cheating scandal. And he deserved better than someone who would destroy a family (like Rupert's.)"

Since his breakup, Pattinson has been spotted out and about with Perry in New York and in Santa Barbara, where the pair hung out at a hotel and spied on a wedding rehearsal, according to People magazine.

"They just sat together and watched," a source says. "They were not affiliated with the wedding party and were not seen mingling with guests."

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Twitter

@mindykaling
I think I was the only person who ate food at the bbq I was at today - and I'm fine with that - I just want everyone to know that I know.

@MARLONWAYANS
Haven't slept in weeks.. . Wtf???

@JonahHill
Willy Wonka's a dark movie.One kid drowns,one blows up and pops,one gets sucked into machinery and one gets turned into tiny particles!

@Courtney
@AmandaBynes pull it together dude.

Amanda Bynes

Amanda Bynes' must-read Twitter account

Apparently Amanda Bynes has even more to say about her arrest last week for drug possession and reckless endangerment.

"I'm so offended by all of this but so proud to not be a drug or alcohol user. I'm suing NYPD for illegally entering my apartment, lying about drugs on me and lying about me tampering with non existent drug paraphernalia," she posted to Twitter over Memorial Day weekend. "Then I'm suing for being put into a mental hospital against my will, then locked up overnight for coming home after a facial and working out with my trainer like the good girl that I am." Bynes is also looking to the future, with a possible new career in the works: "I'm getting in shape and getting a nose job," she posted. "I'm looking forward to a long and wonderful career as a singer/rapper."

LIFE 3

A fist pump for the Jersey Shore

HANDOUT

HQ Beach Club/HQ Night Club at Revel

For those who like their summertime with a heavy dose of party, there's HQ Beach Club and HQ Nightclub, two new destinations at Atlantic City's newest casino, Revel. For night owls, the HQ Nightclub will host a revolving cast of high-profile DJs. And those who like their sunshine with a side of table service should try the HQ Beach Club, a luxe pool lounge with model servers offering bottle service for those relaxing on their daybeds or bungalows (reservations required).

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Pier Village's Le Club Avenue

The Jersey Shore gets exclusive with the Avenue's Beach Club, located in Long Branch. The members-only club is family-friendly during the day but transforms into a more adults-only spot at night with cocktails, a full menu and open-air lounges complete with a rooftop pool. Membership prices range from $3,000 to $5,500; weekend passes are also available when capacity permits. Call 732-759-2900 for more information.

FRANK SCOTT

Beach Shack/Rusty Nail gets pet friendly

Going to the beach doesn't mean that your favourite furry friend has to stay home. The Beach Shack, Cape May's laid-back beachfront motel, is allowing dogs to stay overnight as well as to dine (from a new doggie menu) at popular beach bar the Rusty Nail. Rates for the Paw's Up package start at $156 a night, which includes a $35 a night pet fee.

HANDOUT

Haven Nightclub

The Golden Nugget is making a big play in the nightlife market with the opening of its brand-new Haven Nightclub. The latest entry into the AC nightlife scene boasts a state-of-the-art DJ booth, LED video wall, dance floor, 25 banquettes offering signature table service and two full-service bars. Ke$ha and Pitbull were on hand for the grand opening earlier this month.

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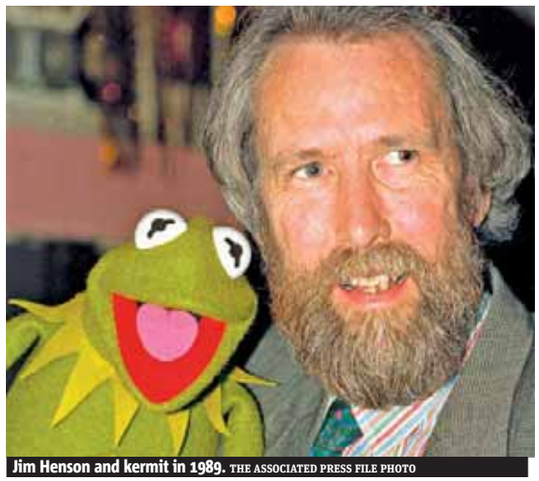
The Muppets took Manhattan, now it's time for Queens

Museum opening.
Kermit and all his pals are ready to take up permanent residence at the Museum of the Moving Image


Jim Henson and kermit in 1989. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

The Muppets are getting a new home in a Queens museum with a permanent exhibit that New York City hopes will persuade more tourists to venture beyond Manhattan.

Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy, Bert and Ernie of Sesame Street fame, the stars of Fraggle Rock and other puppets, costumes and items from throughout Muppets creator Jim Henson's career have been donated to the Museum of the Moving Image, which is building a new gallery to house them, the institution announced Tuesday.

Encompassing almost 400 items ranging from original puppets to behind-the-scenes footage, the gift is a boon for the 25-year-old museum, which saw attendance skyrocket during a temporary exhibit in 2011 and 2012 of Henson's work. And it fulfills a cherished goal for Henson's widow and collaborator, Jane Henson, who died last month at 78.

"She loved the Muppet characters as though they were part of her own family," and the actual puppets themselves were very special to her, one of the couple's daughters, Cheryl Henson, said at a news conference.

"It was her dream to have these dear friends find a good home where they could be seen and enjoyed, and where new audiences could learn about the many facets of my father's work."

The exhibit is to open next year at the museum in the Long Island City neighbourhood, across the East River from midtown Manhattan. The city is chipping in $2.75 million toward the $5 million cost for a project.

"The only major item that I know will not be represented is the Muppet that they made of me," Mayor Michael Bloomberg joked at the news conference, where he bantered with Miss Piggy about the city's film and television industry and reminisced about their joint work in the 2008 TV special A Muppets Christmas: Letters to Santa, which featured Bloomberg as himself.

"You were wonderful — almost lifelike," the porcine prima donna quipped Tuesday. (For the record, Bloomberg's personal Muppet has a nice home of its own, in a reading room at the mayor's Manhattan town house.)

A puppeteer, screenwriter and producer, Henson introduced a raft of beloved and familiar characters during a career that spanned from the 1950s until his death in 1990, at 53.

Some, including his Muppets and Fraggles, appeared in both television shows and movies — among them the 1984 film The Muppets Take Manhattan, which depicted the fuzzy crew striving to stage a Broadway musical.

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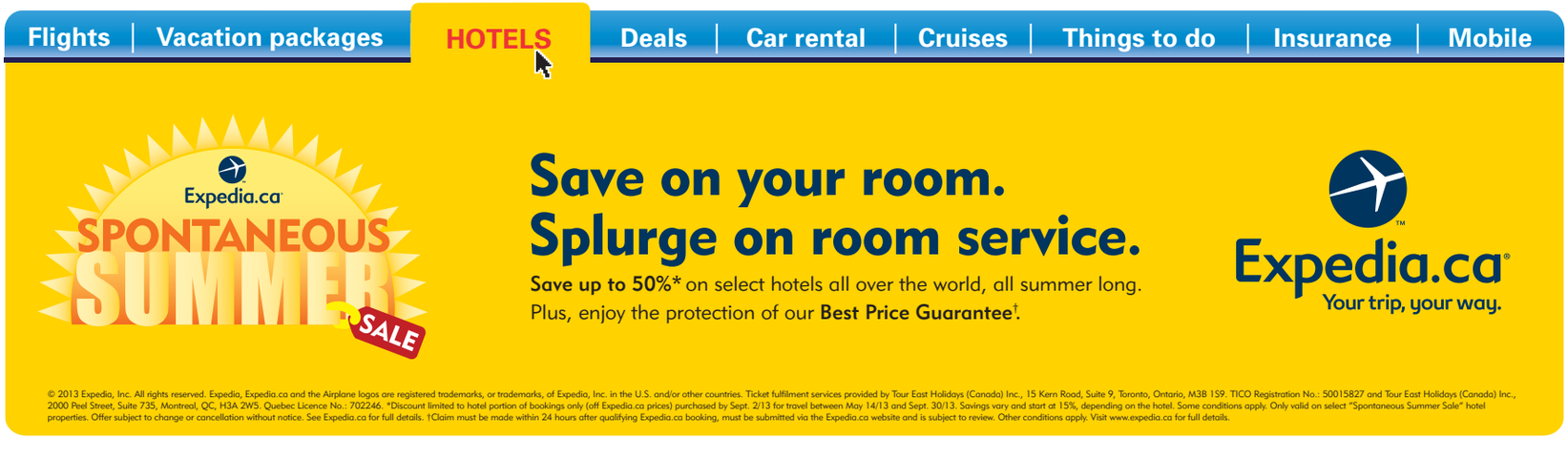
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I recently returned from an incredible week-long safari in Kenya. There were moments that literally rendered me speechless — riding horseback amid a journey of adult and baby giraffes, sitting next to a Maasi warrior while we shared a bush breakfast overlooking the savannah and watching 13 lions (half a pride) dig into their own breakfast of cape buffalo. If you are ready to plan this once-in-a-lifetime experience, consider the following:

Book with a reputable tour operator accredited by KATO (Kenya Authorized Tour Operators). They will handle all the logistics of your trip. You can choose from a pre-set itinerary or ask them to customize a trip for you. I recommend sampling different areas of the country. In one week I visited the Maasi Mara National Reserve, which brought to life that postcard image of Africa with every imaginable animal from lions to zebras roaming the vast plains; Mt. Kenya, an area beloved by American actress and conservationist Stefanie Powers and spent two nights at the ol Donyo Lodge nestled below the Chyulu Hills, where we were treated to some of the best hospitality I have ever experienced. I'll never call a pre-dinner drink anything but a sundowner again!

Request that your trip include some time in one of the conservancies. Unlike the national parks, which are run by the government, a conversancy is less restrictive on off-road exploring and a portion of the entrance fees collected go back to local communities.

The most popular time to go is during the great migration, which means the end of June to the end of September. During that period you are pretty much guaranteed to see an incredible number of animals as well as a large number of tourists.

December and January are the warmest months. The wet months of March, April and May are considered the low season, although we had almost no rain on our trip, the temperature was in the mid-20s and it felt like we had the country to ourselves.

When building your budget, a good rule of thumb is $500 per person per day to cover lodging, food and drink, safaris, park entrance fees, guides and tips. You could of course spend more depending on how up-scale you want to go on your accommodations. Make sure to allocate some money to a quality camera with a tele-photo lens, even if you just rent one.

Consider investing in a telephoto lens for your trip. LOREN CHRISTIE/METRO

Ooh la la worthy French Toast

French toast is synonymous with breakfast or brunch and this warm weather version is a must try.

With its three golden slices of egg loaf topped with caramelized bananas and sliced strawberries finished with maple cream sauté, it's simply delicious.

French Toast

This recipe serves four. PRIME PUBS

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups (360 ml) 35% Cream
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp (5 ml) cinnamon
- 1 tsp (5 ml) nutmeg
- 1 tsp (5 ml) allspice
- 12 egg bread slices
- 1 banana, thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) brown sugar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) pure maple syrup
- 5 strawberries, thinly sliced
- Icing sugar, for dusting

1. To make French toast batter: Combine 1 cup of the cream, egg and spices in stainless steel bowl. Whisk thoroughly until smooth.

2. Dip each slice of egg bread for about 5 seconds in batter, then place immediately on lightly oiled griddle on medium heat.

3. Cook for approx. 2 minutes, then flip over and continue cooking until both sides are golden brown.

4. To make sauce: toss banana and brown sugar together in bowl. Add to small pan on medium heat with a small amount of butter. Cook until sugar begins to melt and bananas are a golden colour.

5. Reduce heat to low and add maple syrup. Keep the pan moving to ensure sugars don't burn.

6. Once syrup is bubbling, remove pan from heat and add remaining 1/2 cup of cream. Lightly stir until all ingredients come together. Keep warm.

7. Place 3 pieces of French toast on a plate and top with sauce. Garnish with sliced strawberries and dust with icing sugar. **CHEF BRYAN JUREK OF PRIME PUBS' FAMILY OF PREMIUM PUBS, WHICH INCLUDES FIONN MACCOOL'S AND D'ARCY MCGEE'S.**

Breakfast. Skillet Garden Eggs with Fontina

This recipe began with the idea of egg-in-a-hat — sometimes called egg-in-a-basket — in which an egg is cracked into a hole cut in the centre of a slice of bread. The whole thing is pan-fried.

Instead of toast, use the same idea with a bed of vegetables by sautéing a vegetable hash, then nestling eggs into the centre of it. To amp the flavour, toss in some prosciutto and cheese.

The result is not only beautiful, but also healthy and satisfying.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 slices prosciutto, chopped
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 2 cups chopped Swiss chard
- 1/2 small zucchini, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup halved cherry or grape tomatoes
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup grated fontina cheese

1. In skillet over medium, heat olive oil. Add prosciutto and onion and sauté until onion is tender, about 5 minutes. Add Swiss chard and zucchini and cook for another 5 to 6 minutes, or until the vegetables are tender and beginning to brown.

2. Add tomatoes and season with salt and pepper. Stir well, then arrange veg in even layer. Using spoon, create 4 wells in veg, each about 2 inches across. Crack egg into each well. Cover skillet and cook until just shy of desired doneness, 4 minutes.

3. Sprinkle cheese over vegetables and eggs, then cover and cook for another minute. Use a spatula to transfer half of the vegetables and 2 eggs onto each plate. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Drink of the Week

Chocolate Almond Banana Smoothie

Give your morning or afternoon snack a bit of a kick-start with shake.

- 1 bottle (about 1/1/2 cups/ 350 ml) chocolate almond milk
- 1 banana, broken into pieces
- 1/2 cup (120 ml) ice cubes
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) almond butter
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) soy protein powder

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Keeping your eyes on the wise

A guide to being guided. To make a search for your mentor successful, you must look for who you could learn the most from

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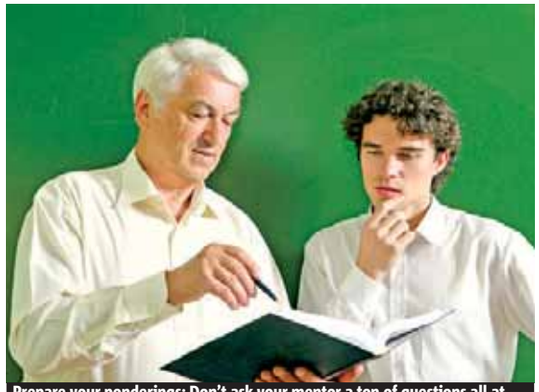

Prepare your ponderings: Don't ask your mentor a ton of questions all at once and try to keep the ones you do ask as succinct as possible.
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Sometimes a boost can be just what you need to jump-start your career, and finding a mentor is one great way to do that.

The mentor-mentee relationship is a precious one. A mentor can coach you in your chosen field and open up a whole variety of new opportunities to you while you also keep your teacher abreast of more recent developments you've learned as a young person in your industry.

What to do once you've met a potential mentor

1. Ask for advice, not mentorship: How you start a mentor-mentee relationship? Ask your potential mentor for advice about something rather than making the overly-formal request of "Will you be my mentor?" With any luck, your relationship will blossom from there.

2. Stay in touch: Once you've met a potential mentor, hopefully you will have had the chance to get their contact details. Send them an email saying how great it was to meet them and recall an interesting part of your conversation to signal to them that you were listening and you were engaged in what they were saying.

3. Ask them questions, but don't bombard them: A good mentor wants to help you, but you shouldn't take advantage of their good nature. They are probably a very busy person and while they likely want to answer your questions, they may not have a whole lot of time to do so. TALENTEGG.CA IS CANADA'S LEADING JOB SITE AND ONLINE CAREER RESOURCE FOR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES.

Won't you be my mentor?

Where to meet your match

- **Networking events:** Signing up for networking events at your school or in your area can be a really great way to meet potential mentors, but also a useful method of getting your foot in the door in your industry of interest.
- **School:** Universities or colleges often employ industry professionals to teach classes, and making use of these connections to the outside world can provide you with a mentor who understands both the culture of the classroom and the workplace.
- **Social media:** Do you have a blog or Twitter account that you love to follow? If someone is posting things that are both interesting and useful in your chosen field, then chances are they may have much more information that they'd be interested in sharing with you.

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Disconnect from your desk at day-end

At the end of last year, the number of smartphones used around the world reached a colossal one billion. And by 2015, experts predict that this number will double. For businesses, the perks of technology advancements are endless. This is the case most of the time for consumers as well. However, with the world at your fingertips 24/7, it's easy to feel like you always need to be connected — especially when starting a new job. This presents the question: how do you leave work at work when it follows you home every day in the form of a mobile device?

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Unchain

Out of sight, out of mind. When your smartphone is chained to you, it becomes a natural instinct to check notifications and to have a look-see every time it buzzes. When you come home from work, put it somewhere that is out of the reach of your arms and ears!

Step outside yourself

Take a moment to see how others may feel about your smartphone habits. Whether it's your friend, parent or child, no one likes the feeling that you're prioritizing your attention to your device over them. So drop the phone and focus your attention on what really matters in that moment.

Speak up

It's likely that the person contacting you in the evening or on weekends has no comprehension of how you spend your time outside of work. If there seems to be a common denominator when it comes to who's seeping into your "you" time, talk to them about it! Simply ask them to hold off on sending work-related emails during non-work hours unless it's truly urgent. Most people will understand.

Self-control

Often it's not necessarily work that's the problem; it's that you can't resist checking if you've missed anything. When you get home, make a conscious effort to realize that, for now, work notifications can wait.

Learn to separate the importance of notifications

When you hear your phone go off, you likely go into a thought process that consists of: I wonder who that is? I wonder what it's about? I wonder if it's important? I wonder if I should check that? And so on. But not every alert is an urgent matter. Chances are, if it's something truly earth-shattering, the person trying to reach you will do so by calling. Be certain about this by developing best practices for after-hours communication with your boss and colleagues in advance.

Let go of the guilt

When you don't respond within a prompt time frame (for many people, that means immediately), you may feel like you're slacking. The truth is, unless you're being paid to be on the clock at all times, you're allowed to have work-free time.

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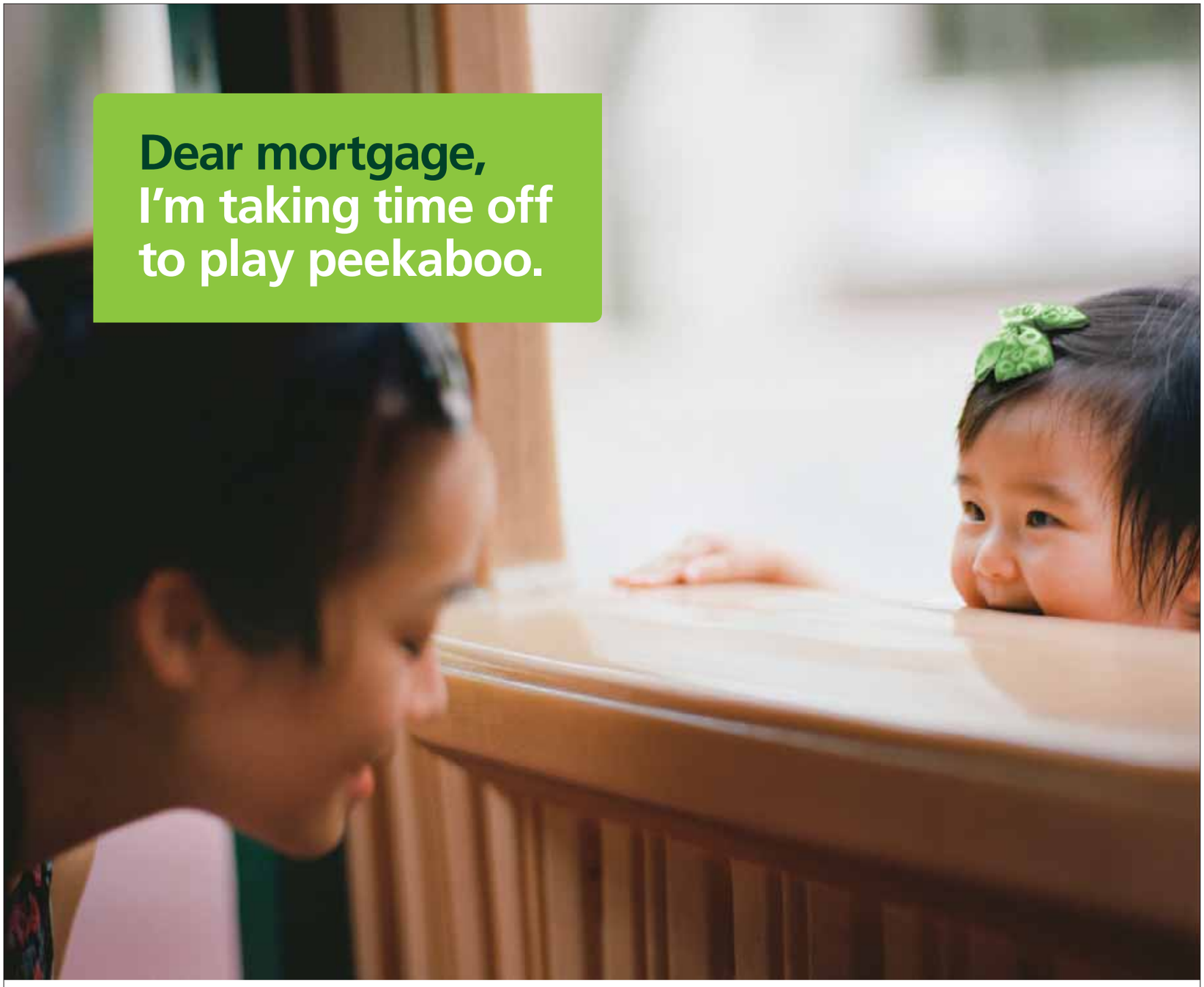

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My baby takes the morning train, and makes the most of it

Astute commute.
The trip to your office is a long one, but it's the wise worker who chooses to take advantage of this time

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When I accepted my summer internship, I was ecstatic! Yet, there was one big concern that hung over my head like a dark cloud: my commute for the next four months.

I realized my commute into the city would add up to 15 hours to my full-time job each week, consisting of a one-hour train ride and a half hour walk each way. I'm definitely not alone, though — tens of thousands of people commute to and from Canada's largest cities each day by train, bus and car.

Just one month into my summer job, I have already found a number of ways to be more productive during those precious hours of commuting rather than writing them off as lost time.

Whether your commute is temporary or long-term, using these five tips can help you make the most of your valuable time:

Free your mind

No cellphone, no music — nothing.

- **Some days, the most productive thing to do is let your body catch up with life.** Take some deep breaths, close your eyes and get caught up with yourself on the way home before you have to start making dinner.

Don't be late

Unlike your friends and parents, trains and buses do not wait for you. Period. You may think that the extra 20 seconds you took to pack your lunch doesn't really matter, but it can mean the difference between catching your train or bus and being on time, or missing it and sheepishly coming in late. Give yourself extra time to ensure you don't have to tell your boss you missed your bus or train over and over again.

Make some phone calls

If you're like me, you probably put off long, meaningful conversations with loved ones too often because you're too busy running off to do something. Since you're not going anywhere (for a bit anyways), pick up the phone and have a chat! It will put a smile on your face, and on the face of the person on the other end. Keep your volume and conversation subject matter in check, though. Nobody wants to hear you screaming about your personal problems on the bus or train for an hour.

Read

Immerse yourself into a great book or magazine and time will fly by. If this isn't reason enough, you'll magically go into your own world despite being surrounded by 1,000 or so fellow commuters.

Get caught up

Living in a technology-driven world makes it easy to get things done without sitting at a desk.

Starting projects, reading the news, paying bills and making appointments are all things that need to get done. So why not do them before you even get home?

With the right apps on your smartphone or tablet, you can cross a few more things off your personal to-do list during your commute. ISTOCK

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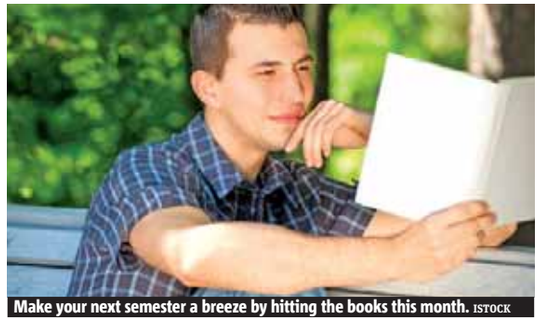
Make your next semester a breeze by hitting the books this month. ISTOCK

Students who crack the books in the summer months reap the rewards all year round. As the air conditioners hum and drip, the summer months in the city can be hot enough to send anyone running indoors.

Jamie Bilella, president of the North American Association of Summer Sessions — and dean at Montclair State University — says that while beating the heat, students of all types can benefit from summer classes that will round out their schedule and help them achieve their educational goals.

Take on a challenge

It can seem counter-intuitive, but Bilella says summer is an ideal time to tackle that tough course students may have been avoiding. "There may be one course that students are intimidated by, and the summer is an ideal time to take it," Bilella says. Because students often take fewer courses at a time in the summer months, he says "they can focus all of their energy on that challenge."

Explore

For students who want to think outside their major, summer can be a great time to do it. Bilella suggests that students who didn't get into the class they were coveting, or who want to try a new elective outside of their focus of study, should think about the summer. Also, if students have a course required for their major that they didn't get to take during the year, summer sessions can fill that gap so that they can start the fall semester with their degree requirements on track.

Get on it

Bilella says the biggest mistake people make regarding summer sessions is to miss out on them until later in their academic career. "Unfortunately, freshmen don't pay attention to the summer offerings until they're juniors," he says. "They should recognize the opportunities of summer and winter early on."

Stay on track

Graduating on time is good for the bottom line — and taking a summer course can help make that happen.

- "Maybe you're looking to catch up because you didn't take a heavy course load for a few semesters, or you want to get ahead to take advantage of a study abroad opportunity or focus on an internship," Bilella says.
- "Summer makes it possible to stay on track to graduation."

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Hair design Wednesday, May 29, 4:30 p.m. – room 201	Downtown
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Music Monday, June 17, 4 p.m. – room 3228, building A	Broadway
Skin and body therapy (esthetics) Wednesday, May 29, 4:30 p.m. – room 201	Downtown
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Tuesday, June 11, 11 a.m. – lobby, building B	Broadway

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Whitecaps defender Alain Rochat says that after coming this far in the Amway Canadian Championship, "we want to win it." The final leg of the tournament goes tonight at BC Place. RAINIER EHRHARDT/GETTY IMAGES

Whitecaps look to capitalize at BC Place

Voyageurs Cup.
Vancouver hoping home-field advantage pays off against Impact in Canadian final

The Vancouver Whitecaps hope to end four years of frustration Wednesday night.

With a win over the Montreal Impact in the second and final leg of their Amway Canadian Championship soccer series, the Whitecaps can finally claim the title after finishing second in the past four finals.

The two-game, aggregate goals series is tied 0-0.

Vancouver defender Alain Rochat, who joined the club in its 2011 MLS expansion season, said the losses have been extremely frustrating.

"We didn't manage to get a good result at home on the first leg, and then we had to go away to win the trophy," said Rochat after a practice Tuesday at the University of British Columbia. "So this year is different."

Vancouver lost the previous four Canadian title matches on the road to Toronto.

But this year is different because the Reds were eliminated in the opening round by Montreal. And, for a change, the Whitecaps are hosting the crucial second leg.

Time is on their side

"That (time difference) is a factor and it does affect you."

Whitecaps coach Martin Rennie on the Montreal Impact's challenge of dealing with a three-hour time difference coming to Vancouver.

One factor is the same. Whitecaps management has set winning the Canadian title as a major goal, one that is viewed as a major building block in the young MLS franchise's development.

"Having got to the (MLS) playoffs (for the first time in 2011), we made that first step of development," said Whitecaps coach Martin Rennie. "We are a new club and a young club. So the next step, for me, is to win a trophy, and this is first chance we've got to do that this season."

Many new Vancouver players only learned of the importance of a Voyageurs Cup victory to the club at the start of this season. But Rochat, a 30-year-old native of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Que., who grew up in Switzerland, said it has been a major topic of discussion.

"We knew that it is a big competition, so we wanted to be in the final," said Rochat. "Now that we are in the final, we want to win it."

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Coach Hanlon walks away from Giants

Glen Hanlon will not return to the Vancouver Giants next season, the club announced Tuesday.

Hanlon, an assistant with the Giants for two years, is leaving to pursue a head coaching opportunity overseas, according to a statement.

"Glen is a great person and coach. He did a great job when Don Hay went to the World Junior Championship and we were lucky to keep him around for two years," said Giants executive vice-president and general manager Scott Bonner in a statement.

"We'd like to wish Glen all the best with his new job, and thank him for his contributions to our organization." METRO

Surfing

Canada's largest competition rides into Tofino

A hundred bronze beach bums will ride the waves off Tofino's pristine shores, this weekend, in a battle for Canada's ultimate surfing title.

The seventh annual Rip Curl Pro Tofino, the country's largest surfing competition, takes place Saturday and Sunday with more than $30,000 in cash and prizes at stake.

The Canadian Surfing Association will crown a winner in nine divisions, including Pro Men, Pro Women, Masters and Longboard.

The event will also feature demos, beach games, live music and a shoreline cleanup.

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Elliott moves 'on down the road' to B.C.

Joey Elliott signed with the Lions last week after playing in Winnipeg last season. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

It's a gamble that's paying off. Quarterback Joey Elliott, who had nine starts over three seasons with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, signed as a free agent with the B.C. Lions last week, after taking part in the team's free agent tryout in Las Vegas earlier this month.

The Blue Bombers released Elliott in March.

It was after this that his agent, Vancouver-based Dan Vertlieb, and Lions general manager Wally Buono began discussing Elliott and any possible fit in B.C.

Buono suggested that Elliott attend a free agent camp.

It may not have been the ideal situation for Elliott, twice named a CFL Player of the Week last season, but a necessary one if his dream of playing football was to continue.

"I was just looking for an opportunity ... and you've got to have that mentality to anywhere, against anybody and if they like you, they like you. If they don't, move on down the road," said Elliott Tuesday.

Elliott said he threw for scouts from the Montreal Alouettes before hopping on an airplane to Las Vegas.

There, he showcased his skills in front of the Lions' brass. What started as a roll of the dice for his career finished with a contract.

It's a hard-earned contract, one accomplished without a sense of entitlement from Elliott.

"And to me, I really like that about people," said Buono.

The battle to back up starter Travis Lulay will be one to keep an eye on when training camp opens up.

Thomas DeMarco, who was third on the depth chart last year, enters his second season with the Lions and could slide into that No. 2 spot. Elliott has more CFL game experience.

This will sort itself out over time and on the football field.

"A guy like Joey Elliott has something to prove," said Buono. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Home sweet home: Game 7 win has Kings clinching in L.A.

NHL playoffs. Los Angeles set to play winner of tonight's Hawks-Wings Game 7 in conference final

Justin Williams scored two goals in the second period, and the Los Angeles Kings advanced to the Western Conference finals with a 2-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks in Game 7 on Tuesday night.

Jonathan Quick made 25 saves as the defending Stanley Cup champions finished off this agonizingly even series with their 14th consecutive home victory over the past two months, including seven straight in the post-season.

The home team won all seven games in this thrilling all-California series, and the fifth-seeded Kings barely rode their home-ice advantage to victory in their first potential elimination game in the last two years.

Justin Williams and Dustin Brown celebrate Williams' first goal of the second period in Game 7 Tuesday in Los Angeles. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

Antti Niemi stopped 16 shots, and Dan Boyle scored early in the third period for the Sharks, who fell just short of their third trip to the conference finals in four years.

The Kings will face Chicago or Detroit when they attempt to reach the Stanley Cup finals for the third time. The Blackhawks host the Red Wings in Game 7 on Wednesday night.

Los Angeles has won eight straight home playoff games dating to last season's Stanley Cup clincher, but this one might have been the toughest. San Jose pressed the action throughout the third period after Williams' back-to-back goals put the Sharks in a mid-game hole, but Quick and the Kings defence hung on for a win in Los Angeles' first Game 7 at home since 1989.

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Pacers get upper hand in Game 4 to even East final

The Pacers' Paul George blocks a shot by LeBron James of the Heat during Game 4 of the NBA Eastern Conference Final on Tuesday night in Indianapolis. The Pacers won 99-92 to even the series at 2-2.

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Mulling a comeback

Whitfield leaves door open to avoid pulling a Favre

Olympic triathlon champion Simon Whitfield isn't ready to officially retire just yet.

The 38-year-old native of Kingston, Ont., said Tuesday that he considers himself "semi-retired," and there's just a "10 per cent" chance he'll return to full-time racing.

"I'm leaving the door open simply because I don't want to pull a Brett Favre and say I'm done and then come back," Whitfield said at a Toronto Triathlon Festival news conference. "Maybe I just haven't come to terms with saying 'fully retired,' so I'm putting semi in front of it to give myself an out."

Whitfield said although he's currently training at less than 50 per cent, he could still decide to race. But he'd likely need 16 to 20 weeks to ensure he's able to finish a triathlon at a high level.

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2014 Kia Sorento

- **Type.** Four-door, front- /all-wheel-drive wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (191); 3.3-litre DOHC V6 (290)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $28,500

Design

For 2014, the Georgia-built Sorento receives a minor nose tweak, including the ubiquitous mesh-style grille, updated headlights and optional fog lights, plus new tail light lenses. Otherwise the silhouette remains basically the same.

Under the hood lies a 3.3 litre V6

Fuel Economy

Interestingly, estimated four-cylinder fuel economy is 10.4 l/100 km in the city and 7.1 on the highway (two-wheel-drive), which is fairly close to the V6's 11.4/8.0 rating. That points to the extra work the four-cylinder has to do to lug the Sorento around.

Engine

Under the hood, the 191-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder with direct injection (fuel is sprayed under very high pressure directly into the combustion chambers instead of the intake manifold) carries on with its base-engine duties.

Review. New Sorento will satisfy as its DNA has been upgraded

MALCOLM GUNN
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The new 2014 Kia Sorento really depends on how you look at it, or more correctly, where you look at it.

Kia's current design renaissance encompasses the street-wise Soul and Sportage wagons as well as the Optima and Rio sedans. You can also place the current-generation Sorento that was launched for 2011 on that list. The lines are so right on the money in terms of contemporary style and carrying capacity that there was no point in monkeying around with the mid-sized wagon's looks.

Surprisingly, however, just about every other part of the Sorento's DNA has been altered, redesigned, or otherwise enhanced, kind of like when Peter Parker was bitten by the spider to become Spider-Man. Same kid on the outside, but better reflexes and more power. For 2014, Kia has mounted the Sorento on a platform that's identical to that of parent Hyundai's five-passenger Santa Fe Sport. Kia claims the new structure is stiffer than the 2013 version; attached to that is a stouter sub-frame that holds the powertrain more firmly.

There's also a new independent front suspension, while a more compact rear suspension aids interior space and restricts noise and vibrations from entering the cabin.

The Sorento's hydraulic power-steering system has been exchanged for a more efficient electric unit that features Comfort, Normal and Sport settings, depending on your desired level of steering firmness.

Kia's design team also took care of business on the inside, installing a new instrument panel and centre control stack with easier-to-find buttons and knobs. As before, Sorento can accommodate up to seven passengers with the optional third-row seat, but there's precious little legroom in back and equally scarce stowage room when loaded to the max with passengers. There is a solution if a more comfy back row is a must, but it requires visiting your Hyundai dealer to scope out the extended-wheelbase version of the Santa Fe.

The trunk, with the seats folded down, offers an amazing storage space.

For 2014, Kia is holding firm to the same LX, EX and SX trim levels. At the top, the SX model does its luxury best to coddle passengers with a wood-trimmed interior with ventilated soft leather-covered seats on the inside, while self-leveling headlights and exclusive 19-inch wheels are installed outside.

As for options, the tricks up the Sorento's sleeve include a power liftgate, panoramic sunroof, advanced voice-activated communications, infotainment and navigation controls (incorporating an eight-inch touchscreen) and a blind-spot monitoring system that constantly tracks vehicles in the immediate vicinity and issues an audible and visual alert should any get too close.

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The missing Linc: Young's mission to drive big and clean

Auto Know. Rock legend's '59 Lincoln Hybrid allows all who drive to keep on rockin' in a green world

TODD BURRLAGE
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When the smoke finally cleared, nothing was left but a charred Lincoln chassis and the memories of what could have been.

The love child of legendary Canadian rocker Neil Young, LincVolt — a 1959 Lincoln Continental and the object of Young's affection — was a mess of singed scrap after a fire in November of 2010 rolled through its storage warehouse in San Francisco, Calif.

Young had already invested three years and millions of his own dollars into LincVolt; a project that converted his ride from a stylish but ordinary cream-coloured Continental convertible, into a freakishly efficient, plug-in hybrid, powered by American-made biofuel.

The fire was caused after an unproven charging system overheated when left unsupervised, just days after Young introduced LincVolt to the world at the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show in Las Vegas.

But what the flames claimed in car parts and man hours, it failed to touch in Young's commitment to the LincVolt project.

"While this is a setback for us," Young said immediately after the fire, "we are planning ways to continue."

For more than 40 years, Young has used his superstar status in rock 'n' roll as a platform to take on social issues, mainly to promote eco-consciousness. But the two-time Grammy Award winner is also an avid car collector. And to him, bigger is always better, which is why Young believes the LincVolt project is so important to the future of the auto industry.

"Some people will buy small cars, but a lot of people want big cars," Young said, "big, strong, smart cars."

LincVolt was born from a three-pronged agenda shared by Young and his project team:

1) Decrease carbon-dioxide emissions through increased use of biofuel and less fossil-fuel usage.
2) Work toward future independence from foreign oil.
3) Push back against the big oil companies who make record profits every year, but give little to Mother Earth in return.

"You don't see much about what's really going on with the climate in the media," Young explained. "It's just not a fast-moving subject. It's kind of a slow-moving story. But it's not going to be going away unless we do something."

So armed with the lessons and knowledge from the first construction, LincVolt Part II reached its completion this spring with a head-turning, 2,400-kilogram, six-metre-long 1959 Lincoln Continental hybrid that proves people and perseverance can make "big" and "green" fit in the same sentence.

The new creation is affectionately named "Miss Pegi" as a tribute to Young's wife, who surprised her husband on his birthday with a donor Continental to replace LincVolt parts damaged by the fire.

Young, now 67, is celebrating his creation and message with a trip across the United States in Miss Pegi, and also with a documentary on the highs and lows of the project, and a running blog and timeline on lincvolt.com.

Truly a groundbreaking machine, it delivers a 600-kilometre range on a tank of biofuel, and an 80-kilometre range on electric power only. Most recently, Young and his LincVolt made a media visit in Sioux Falls, S.D., one stop on the way to Washington, D.C., where Young hopes to share the importance of this project with U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu.

Miss Pegi can never die

"We have a full-size car that has less emissions than the best hybrid. So it's cool and it is very sexy, and it performs. You have to have that and we do."

Neil Young, singer-songwriter and the inspiration behind the LincVolt

Using American-made biofuel, Young said LincVolt cuts carbon dioxide emissions by 86 per cent compared to gasoline, which saves about half a metric tonne of the known greenhouse gas from entering the atmosphere for every 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometres) LincVolt drives.

"If this can be done with a 1959 Lincoln Continental," Young said, "such an exercise would be much easier in a lighter-weight and more aerodynamic vehicle."

The LincVolt is a complex machine that took years to plan and a team of experts to handle the conversion from standard gasoline to biofuel hybrid power.

A Ford four-cylinder engine mated with a 150-kilowatt electric motor provides 200 horsepower and about 25 miles per U.S. gallon (9.4 l/100 km) on the open road, while a micro-turbine generator produces about 30 kilowatts (40 horsepower) for charging and running on electric power.

"What does it feel like to drive this car? It is absolutely amazing," said Young, proud that every part of "Miss Pegi" is American made, other than the 104 lithium-ion batteries that come from China. "It's whisper quiet in electric mode and it is very fast for its size."

Jeff Broin, founder of Poet Biorefining and a pioneer in the biofuel business, oversees development and production of the Cellulosic Ethanol used to fuel the car. It's a biofuel produced from wood, grasses or the inedible parts of a plant, and is one of the cleanest burning fuels on the planet.

Paul Perrone, founder of Perrone Robotics, built the car's brain that encompasses a control centre that links all the complex systems, from navigation and entertainment, to battery checks and safety warnings.

Then there's Johnathan Goodwin — known simply as the "Motorhead Messiah" because of his mastery at balancing horsepower and performance with fuel performance and low emissions — a key player in developing and building the LincVolt prototype at his shop in Wichita, Kan. Given more time to tinker, Goodwin believes he'll be able to achieve 100 m.p.g. (2.4 l/100 km) with LincVolt.

So, what started out as nothing more than an idea has turned into what Young hopes will be a pilot project that grabs the attention of the public and automakers, and dispels the popular belief that the terms "clean" and "efficient" are reserved only for tiny, sleepy hybrids.

"We have a full-size car that has less emissions than the best hybrid," Young said. "So it is cool, and it is sexy, and it performs. You have to have that, and we do."

Canadian rock legend Neil Young in his LincVolt 'Miss Pegi'. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

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The good and bad guys of insurance

Autopilot. Heroes and villains: A big money fraudster who bit off too much and those kind people who left letters on my car

AUTO PILOT
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There's been lots of talk recently about the high cost of vehicle insurance. A report by the Fraser Institute concluded that provinces with "government insurance monopolies" tend to have higher premiums than provinces with "private sector, competitive markets."

But Ontario has the highest premiums of them all — higher than provinces with so-called insurance monopolies. If the Ontario NDP gets its way, the Ontario Liberal Government will include some insurance cost reform in its soon-to-be-tabled Budget.

Through the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) the private insurers have just mounted a public campaign, to explain the Ontario discrepancy. Its argument, backed by the Fraser Report, is that most of the money is going to the wrong places — hidden legal fees, fraud, and excessive assessments by for-profit medical facilities.

One criminal outfit called "Project 92" was estimated to bill $25 million in fraudulent insurance claims. Its ringleader, now behind bars, staged fake accidents and had corrupt accomplices in every link of the repair and medical chain, who over-billed for everything.

When vehicles come together in noisy and expensive ways, it's not always the worst in people that shows up; sometimes it's the best. At least that's been my experience.

Over the years I've had three parked cars that have been hit by somebody when I wasn't around, and in every instance, they left a note, and eventually made proper restitution.

Mechanical chivalry

"When vehicles come together in noisy and expensive ways, it's not always the worst in people that shows up; sometimes it's the best."

The most memorable of these occasions was the latest one, involving the guy that delivers our morning paper in his old van. I guess on that fateful morning he jumped out of his van without first putting it into "park." It went down the street, driverless, first careening off our Mazda6, then settling into a Hyundai Sonata owned by my neighbour Tim.

When Tim and I went out in the morning, we both found notes on our cars, just listing a phone number to call about the damage. My left mirror was gone, and a fender was creased. Tim's car was a bit worse.

I eventually got hold of his teenage son, who explained that his father, being a recent immigrant, couldn't speak English too well. Both of them would come around on Saturday to make arrangements. I offered to call my insurance company. Maybe he just could pay the deductible? I was a bit worried that his body shop of choice might not do the job as properly as my body shop of choice.

He said I should not worry at all about getting my car fixed, or getting it fixed properly, because his father was a very honest man. I distinctly remember how he said all this. He said it slow and with no inflection, like he wasn't trying to sell me anything, just stating a fact.

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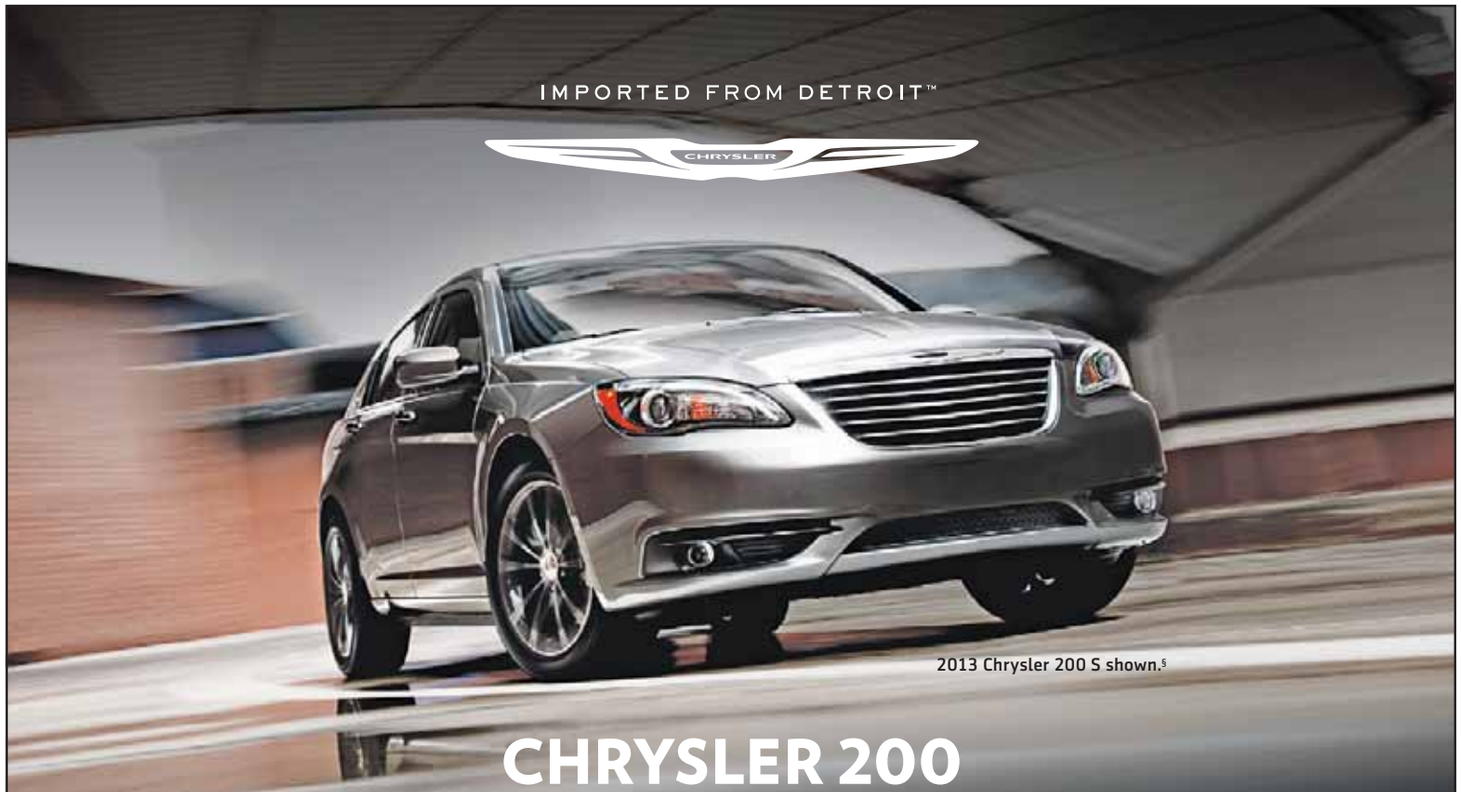

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If so, it's a very bad habit that you need to change. Not only does it affect your driving, but it has the potential for serious injury.

"You should drive with two hands at either side, at 10-and-2 or 9-and-3," says Scott Marshall, director of training for Young Drivers of Canada.

"By hooking your hand inside the wheel, you're limiting your steering ability. If you use your right hand, you can steer to your left, but you can't steer to your right if a problem occurs.

"There's a higher possibility that you can't control the car, and you get in a crash."

Your steering wheel contains an airbag which, in a crash, deploys in milliseconds at some 300 km/h to prevent you from hitting the dash or windshield.

If you're hooking the wheel when this happens, the airbag will break your arm.

If you drive with one hand at the top of the wheel, it puts your arm across the airbag. If it deploys, it will smash your hand into your face.

"You'll be severely injured because of your own knuckle and any jewelry you're wearing," Marshall says.

If your hands are at the sides of the wheel, the airbag will force them sideways and away from your face.

You may bruise your knuckles on the door panel, but it's preferable to risking broken bones or facial injuries.

"Don't be in fear of the airbag," Marshall says. "You should sit at least 25 centimetres away from the wheel, because the force is strongest at the beginning of its deployment.

"Sit as far back as you can, but so your right foot can touch the floor behind the brake pedal, with a slight bend in your leg.

Smart advice

"You'll be severely injured because of your own knuckle and any jewelry you're wearing."

Scott Marshall, director of training for Young Drivers of Canada
On the dangers behind not holding your steering wheel correctly and what can happen if you don't.

"When you have two hands on the wheel, you should have a slight bend in your arms.

"You can make adjustments with the back of the seat if you're shorter. You can sit closer, but recline the seat."

The right side of the dash also contains an airbag.

Passengers should sit as far back as possible.

They should also never put their feet on the dash, since a deploying airbag can cause severe leg injuries.

Injury can occur if the airbag goes off while you hook the steering wheel.
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Rules

- **No items on lap.** Don't carry items on your lap. In a crash, hard or sharp items such as the corners of boxes can cause injury.
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Stylish sports car just fine after a service

Second gear.
Hyundai Genesis Coupe 2010-2012

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HANDOUT

The Genesis Coupe launched for the 2010 model year and recalled Japanese rear-drive sports cars from the '90s — even though it was Korean. Sleek styling, affordable performance and real performance-car moves all helped put Hyundai on the sports-car map.

Feature content included push-button start, navigation, Brembo brakes, a Limited Slip Differential (LSD), navigation, and an Infinity audio system.

Common Issues

Check for proper operation of the air conditioner, all windows, all power seats and all remote key fobs. Have a good walk-around of the body, inspecting for misaligned panels, particularly where the hood and fenders meet. Many owners have reported that tightening up a few bolts, particularly the ones that hold the seats to the floor, stops rattle-related issues as the car ages. The push-button start system should fire the engine up the instant it's pressed. Any delay or sporadic operation could indicate a problem with the switch. Clunking or grinding noises from the suspension or steering typically indicate a problem. Be sure there are no check-engine lights, no grinding sensations during gear shifting, and that there's no smoke coming from the tailpipe during hot or cold idle — or during hard acceleration. Improper execution or installation of non-factory-approved upgrades could cause expensive issues—so opt for a non-modified example of a Genesis Coupe where possible for maximum peace of mind.

What owners like

Handling, style and overall performance and affordability are rated highly by Genesis Coupe owners in this generation. Despite its two-door configuration, this sports car is also surprisingly roomy in terms of front seat space

What owners dislike

Common gripes include limited rear visibility, poor gas mileage with the V6 engine, and the wish for some richer interior materials. Many owners wish for a more precise-feeling shifter, too.

Engine

All models were rear-wheel drive and had a six-speed transmission in the driver's choice of automatic or manual. Engine options were a "2.0T" two-litre turbo four-cylinder with 210 horsepower, or the sporty 3.8 litre, 306-horsepower V6 found on models with the "3.8GT" designation.

The verdict

So far, the Genesis Coupe appears to be a safe buy in a used sports coupe. The most commonly-reported issues thus far are minimal in nature and easily identified and remedied.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There is no point in trying to avoid obligations. Fortunately, what you have to do over the next few days won't be as difficult as you fear. Once you start, you may enjoy it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You're avoiding a showdown with someone you love. It may be understandable but it's not very smart. The sooner you let each other know why you are so angry, the sooner the healing process can begin.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your luck is about to turn for the better and before you know it good things will be coming at you from all directions. Good people too. You will attract just the right person at just the right time.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Aim to be a bit more tactful when dealing with colleagues. In a matter of days you will have a clearer picture of what needs to be done to turn a loss into a gain but you don't have to be pushy about it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Make sure your long-term plans are practical. If you have not thought them through properly, they could fall short of expectations. Know your goals and have a Plan B ready.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You think too much and because of that, you worry too much as well. The message of the stars is that you should stop analyzing each and every detail. Go with the flow.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be yearning for things you are unlikely to get. But over the next two days a more realistic attitude will set in. Then, remarkably, you will find that what you desire suddenly comes easily to you.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't get so caught up in the social whirl today that you fail to notice a career opportunity of some kind. In a matter of weeks, you could move several rungs up the ladder of success.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You don't have time to wallow in negativity — there are too many interesting things going on in the world. One special person needs help though. Spare them an hour of your time and get them smiling.

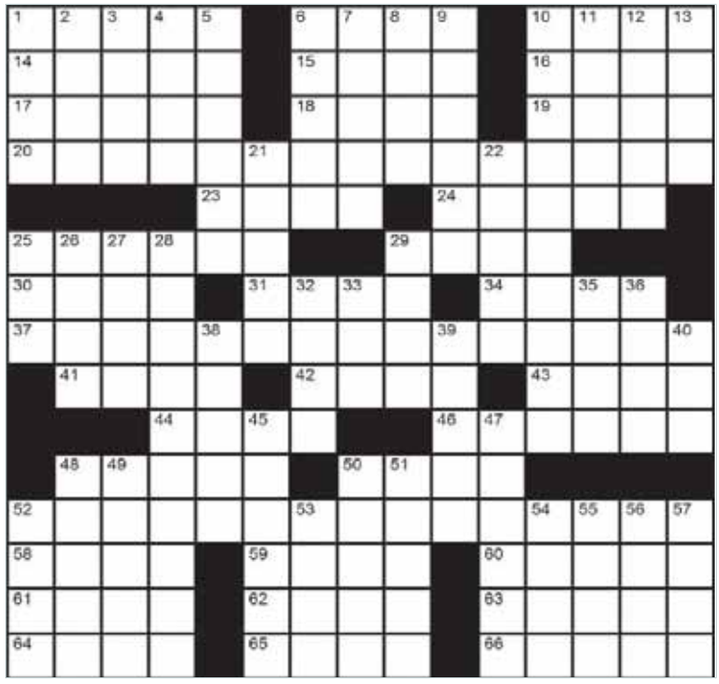
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Do something that makes you feel good about yourself today. Your problems may seem huge but in reality they can't hurt you in the slightest. What is it that makes you feel glad to be alive? Do it some more.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Life will offer you opportunities but it is up to you whether or not you do anything with them. An interesting offer will come your way over the next few days. Make it your own.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Fame and fortune can be yours if you want them but do you? As a Pisces, you may prefer to keep a low profile, but if so that's a shame as you have so much to offer. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Then, in Tadoussac
6. Pal; or, 104.5 __ FM (Toronto radio station)
10. Link up
14. "__ __ can be told." (The story can be revealed finally)
15. Stockings
16. Do __ others...
17. Singer Mr. Lopez
18. "That's ___ surfboard!" (How gnarly!)
19. Glassmaking oven
20. They were extravagant shows on Broadway: 2 wds.
23. "Cool Hand __" (1967) starring Paul Newman
24. Westerns star John
25. Cat, at times
29. Rebuff
30. A famous Jessica
31. "Rolie Polie __"
34. Additional
37. Quebec City's historic 1759 battleground: 3 wds.
41. AD = __ Domini
42. Comic actress Roseanne
43. Bean __ (Tofu)
44. Knowing
46. Low-carb diet
48. __ que (Because, in French)
50. Two-and-two's sum
52. Armour-wearing mounted warriors: 2 wds.
58. Jagged cliff
59. Actor, Chris D'__
60. Spy's disguise garment
61. Addiction-causing Crystal
62. Pre-Beatles band for Ringo, __ Storm & The Hurricanes
63. Ms. Clarkson
64. Q. "__ '__ Canada', the showbiz news program, on Global?" A. "Yes."
65. Butterfly banes
66. 2013, Year of the __

Down
1. 1998 animated bug flick
2. Ms. Singer of "Footloose" (1984)
3. Boo-boo
4. Finger jewelry
5. Suppress
6. Sidewalk artist's tool
7. Throng of people
8. Thunderbirds org.
9. Guess Who song: "Hand ___ World"
10. 'Canada's Queen of R&B': 2 wds.
11. __ a million: 2 wds.
12. "..._ ___ wed."
13. Partners of neithers, often
21. Across-the-Pond moneys
22. "Today" anchor Matt
25. Traveller's aid
26. 'Salmon' suffix (Kitchen prep worry)
27. Seaport of Scotland
28. Singer/pianist Rufus
29. Singe
32. Earring spot
33. "__ _ picture paints...": Bread song bit
35. Feng __ (Art of placement)
36. Pull in
38. Soft drink orderer's request: 2 wds.
39. Electric shavers name
40. ER pros
45. Ontario's Trent-__ Waterway
47. Fools
48. Fathers: French
49. Sets _ __ (What the engaged couple does)
50. Tease
51. Sanctions
52. Gladiator's 1901
53. __ vera
54. Country star Mr. Campbell
55. Greeting in Granada!
56. Converse
57. Scottish dog breed, __ Terrier

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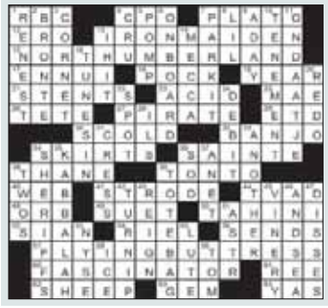
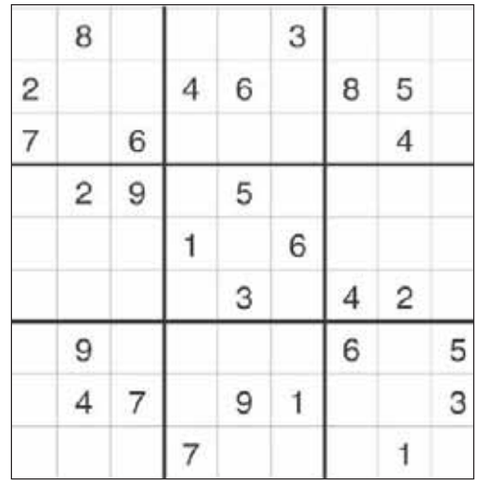


Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

1	7	4	9	8	3	6	2	5
8	2	6	4	7	5	1	9	3
9	5	3	6	2	1	7	8	4
4	1	8	7	6	2	3	5	9
2	6	5	8	3	9	4	7	1
3	9	7	5	1	4	8	6	2
6	3	1	2	9	7	5	4	8
7	4	2	3	5	8	9	1	6
5	8	9	1	4	6	2	3	7

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505	E	454	A5	1 BR+FLEX	$226,900	$844
507	SE	760	B14a	2 BR+FLEX	$389,900	$1,450
653	N	506	A3b	1 BR+FLEX	$248,900	$926
752	NW	577	A6	1 BR+FLEX	$279,900	$1,041
855	E	454	A5	1 BR+FLEX	$232,900	$866
856	E	525	A4	1 BR+EB+FLEX	$258,900	$963
953	N	506	A3b	1 BR+FLEX	$254,900	$948
954	NE	584	A6	1 BR+FLEX	$283,900	$1,056
1059	S	517	A3a	1 BR+FLEX	$251,900	$937
1156	E	525	A4	1 BR+EB+FLEX	$264,900	$985

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2110	W	481	A1b	1 BR+FLEX	$266,900	$902
2208	S	513	A3a	1 BR+FLEX	$274,900	$1,022
2310	W	481	A1b	1 BR+FLEX	$270,900	$1,007
2603	N	506	A3b	1 BR+FLEX	$286,900	$1,067
2809	SW	646	B1a	2 BR	$388,900	$1,082
3005	E	454	A5	1 BR+FLEX	$278,900	$1,037
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